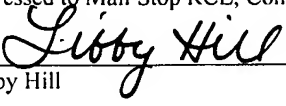



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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of July 29, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after October 29, 2004, and in conjunction with the concurrent filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Another copy of the third page of the prior art listing** filed with the Information Disclosure Statement dated September 29, 2003 is attached to the end of this paper.